

The 117th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association was brought to order by President Bill Sparks. The invocation was given by Jim Schleining. The Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen' led the pledge of Alligance. The welcome was given by Lamar Chamber of Commerce President, Kevin Wailes. The Juniors were dismissed to go to their meeting.

Southeast Colorado Cowbelle President Marilyn Weber reported on local Cowbelle activities such as a brand board that they are placing in the Hickory House Resturant in Lamar. She then introduced the Colorado Cowbelle President, Iris Riley, who reported on Beef Promotion, stock show booth, and National Cowbelle name change. Following her talk the ladies were excused to attend their tea.

Dean Davis, Colorado Cattlemen's Association President, reported on last falls local presidents meeting, mid-winter convention, legislation pertaining to agriculture, new check off provisions of new farm bill, and NCA meeting. He stressed the importance of getting many legislative bills killed in committee.

Bob Rolston, CCA Executive Vice-President reported more on ligislation such as mitigation, farmstead bill, deregulation of ag trucking that was defeated. Dave Rice spends as many as 18 hours a day on legislative matters. CCA will be the official Ag organization to name the persons to the Beef Promotion and Research committee.

Jay Rowe, Colorado Brand Commissioner, reported that the Brand Board is stable, however inspection this fisical year is down 200,000 head to date. Brand assessrent will be charged again in January 1987. It takes some of this money to run the brand system since the 20¢ inspection fee doesn't cover all of the costs. He also reported that the Fair Labor Standards Act may cost them more money for overtime pay. At this time there was a coffee break courtesy of the Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Ass'n.

After break Mike Schweiterman of Heinhold Commodities in Garden City, Kansas gave a presentation on Ag Options. He compared options to buying incurance on your car.

Chuck Clapper of Kit Carson County Cattlemen's Ass'n urged everyone to attend the State Convention in June at Burlington.

Harold Yoder reported on membership and said that he would come down and help us again on a membership drive.

Leonard Pruett talked about the new farm program and meetings that will be held to explain the Conservation Reserve Program

H.H. Mendenhall reported that receipts were down and that 71% of budget comes from membership dues.

Corwin Brown, CCA Board Member, reported on CCA Ranch Rodeo Contest and the Young Cattlemen's Conference which Bent-Prowers has Joe Kasza and Pat Karney representing them.

Stephanie Smartt, Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's President, reported on her groups activities.

Joe Hasser, Prowers County Commissioner, talked more on the mitigation issue and stated that the Colorado Counties organization had gone on record as opposing it.

Mel Depra, area Wildlife Supervisor, from Wiley gave his comments on mitigation, cost sharing of seed for CR 1-2-4 land, and lease of state land to D.O.W. for hunting.

Karen Turner, representative of Congressman Brown's office, brought greetings from the congressman and reminded everyone of the Ag Seminar in Washington D.C. in March. She has pamphlets out front for anyone interested.

President Sparks asked if everyone had read the copies of last years minutes. Jim McMillin asked that paragraph 6 page 3 the word recommendation should be changed to commendation. Jim McMillin moved and Lew Mathews 2nd a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion passed.

Pat Karney gave the audit report, of which a copy is attached. He moved its adoption. 2nd by Gene Keenan. Motion carried.

John Smartt have a report on Bent-Prowers Trust Fund and its assets. Jim McMillin moved the adoption of the report. Joe Oswald 2nd. Motion passed.

There being no old business the President called for new business. Jim McMillin reported that his committee of Ireland Barnes, Gene Keenan, and himself recommend that Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association have a one time paid up lifetime membership with a fee of \$250. A plaque and a special card to be given to the member. After the cost of plaque and card is deducted the remainder of the \$250. would be placed in the Bent-Prowers Trust Fund. After discussion Jim McMillin moved and Gene Keenan seconded a motion to accept this proposal. Motion carried.

Dean Davis reported that the CCA Trust had changed bonds and had a large contribution coming from Leonard Horn, and they hoped to get to \$500,00 sometime soon.

Second Vice-President Joe Kasza then presented the resolutions committee's resolutions for consideration.

1. Record keeping on vehicle miles-
2. Leasing of state land to DOW for hunting-
3. Written permission to hunt Private land enforced
4. Praire Dog poisoning-
5. Shooting praire dogs from vehicles-
6. thank you-
7. Memorials-
8. Education classes for teachers

Jim McMillin asked that #5 be set aside and voted on seperatly.

Jim and Mel Depra talked against resolution #5. after much discussion Steve McEndree moved and Doug Hasser seconded a motion to adopt resolution #5. On a show of hands the motion passed. Ken Clark moved the adoption of the other 7 resolutions. 2nd by Pat Karney and passed.

Past President Gene Keenan gave the report of the nominations committee. They nominated the following officers:

Virgil Lessenden-President

Joe Kasza--1st Vice-President

Doug Hasser--2nd Vice-President

John Smartt--Secretary-Treasurer

Clyde McEndree moved that nominations cease and that we elect the officers by acclamation. 2nd by Lew Mathews and passed.

Gene then nominated the following directors:

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| <u>Baca</u> | <u>Bent</u> | <u>Utero</u> |
| Ron Deeds | Ed Dean | Pat Karney |
| Corwin Brown | Gene Keenan | Mike Dutton |
| Lew Mathews | Doug King | John Givan |
| Steve McEndree | D.J. Schleining | Ken Clark |
| Bill Sparks | Jim Schleining | H.H. Mendenhall |
| Mike Wittler | | |

Kiowa

George Blackburn
Leland Barnes
William E. Rose
Bruce Fickenschner

Prowers

Randy Dunning
Don Higbee
Ben Elmore
Jim McMillin
Ray Hays

Corwin Brown moved that nominations cease and that we elect the directors by acclamation. 2nd by Henry Rudolph. Passed.

Bill then turned the meeting over to the new president Virgil Lessenden.

Virgil introduced Senator Rizzuto, who arrived late. He reported on various legislation including a proposal to increase gas tax by 6¢, enterprize zones, hazardous waste transportation, and sales tax for water projects.

Corwin brought up the attempt to footnote the Long Bill to give access accross private lands to Sate Lands. Senator Rizzuto stated that 3 of the 6 Joint Budget Committee members were supporting this and everyone concerned should contact the J.B.C. expressing concern. Jim McMillin stated that this would make getting liability for many ranchers more difficult.

Lew Mathews moved that we adjourn. Clyde McEndree 2nd the Motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Saturday evening about 180 people gathered at the Knights of Columbus Hall for a delicious Baron of Beef dinner. Lew Mathews was honored as the Honorary Life Member for 1986. His mother Hazel and his son Tom were present for the ceremonies. Phil Janowsky entertained and played for a dance afterward. \$965 was raised for the Bent-Prowers Trust by auctioning off windmills, mirror, and arrangement. \$675 was raised for a J.T. McEndree memorial to C.C.A. Trust by auctioning an afgan donated by Mrs. McEndree.

Gene Keenan presented outgoing President Bill Sparks with a Plaque and a belt buckle. The Barnes family presented Virgil with the traveling buckle to wear while he is President.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Whereas the Congress of the United States has repealed the contemporaneous record keeping of vehicle mileage, and

Whereas the Internal Revenue Service has arbitrarily written new regulations that are nearly identical to those that were repealed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horsegrowers Association go on record as being opposed to these new regulations, and request relief from such by the Congress of the United States.

RESOLUTION NO.2

Whereas the farmer and rancher are the caretakers of the land, and,

Whereas opening state lands up for public hunting would place an unfair and costly burden on these caretakers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horsegrowers Association go on record as being opposed to the Division of Wildlife leasing hunting access to state land already leased for grazing.

RESOLUTION NO.3

Whereas most wildlife hunting is done on private land, and,

Whereas the farmer and rancher incur considerable expense from unauthorized hunting, and,

Whereas the state law requires written permission to hunt on private property.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horsegrowers Association go on record as requesting the Colorado Division of Wildlife to enforce the requirement of written permission for hunting on private land.

RESOLUTION NO.4

Whereas the prairie dog is a significant cause of destruction of private and public range land, and,

Whereas control of these pests is extremely difficult and costly.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horsegrowers Association go on record as supporting the return of the availability of full strength compound 1080 for the control of prairie dogs.

RESOLUTION #5

WHEREAS: The prairie dog population in Colorado has increased by alarming proportions in recent years, and prairie dogs are known carriers of fleas that spread the bubonic plague, that causes undulant fever and death to humans, and

WHEREAS: poison grain can no longer be obtained from any source, for the control or eradication of the increasing population of prairie dogs in the State of Colorado, and

WHEREAS: Landowners are now more than ever threatened with the loss of production from their lands, with the uncontrollable population explosion of prairie dogs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: By the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association that the Legislature of the State of Colorado change the law that prevents sportsmen, as well as landowners from shooting prairie dogs and harmful varmints from within a vehicle.

This change would make it legal to shoot them from within a vehicle - and thus Colorado would be compatible with the neighboring States of Kansas and Oklahoma, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this change in the law be implemented immediately for the health, welfare, and preservation of the people of the State of Colorado.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association takes this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies, media, and individuals who made us welcome here in Lamar and so generously contributed to the success of this ~~117~~¹¹⁷th Annual Meeting.

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RESOLUTION NO. 17

SINCE our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members have passed to their reward. We, who remain, have enjoyed and benefited from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone on before us have firmly instilled in our Association.

We, the members of the B^Ent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, Children are Colorado's most important resource, and

Whereas, the education of our children is one area that should be the best possible, and

Whereas, there is an effort to change the requirements of teachers to take education classes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horsegrowers Association go on record as opposing the move to eliminate the requirement of teachers taking education classes.